REMARKS

Prior to examination on the merits on this divisional application, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Upon entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 1-12 and 23-36 will be pending in this application. Applicant has canceled claims 13 through 22 without prejudice or disclaimer as to their subject matter by this preliminary amendment, amended claims 1-6, 8 and 10 by this preliminary amendment and newly added claims 23-36 by this preliminary amendment.

A fee of \$108 is incurred by the addition of six (6) claims in excess of 20. Applicant's check drawn to the order of Commissioner accompanies this Response. Should the check become lost, be deficient in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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In view of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment, this divisional application is believed to be in condition for examination. Should questions arise during the examination, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's attorney.

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